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November 17, 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF ARPA

SUBJECT: Your Memorandum of November 14th Concerning Tracking Stations for the [redacted] Program

Immediately upon receipt of the above memorandum, I made certain that no commitments or obligations in respect to the tracking stations to which you refer are made until we have reported to you, which we intend to do promptly, whether or not it is necessary to obligate for both or either in Fiscal 1959.

I believe, however, that the telegram of November 10th, to which you refer, was not inconsistent with your direction not to proceed except for the authorization to utilize funds for a site. This was an oversight on my part as the telegram otherwise specifically requests that there be a justification submitted here as to the need for initiation of construction before any commitments or obligations are entered into. This unintended authorization for site acquisition has been revoked.

Signed:

Malcolm MacIntyre
Under Secretary

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